



STATE YOUTH COUNCIL ON WORKFORCE SERVICES  
The State Youth Council will coordinate, disseminate and ensure  
the delivery of quality effective services to Utah youth.

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## Quarterly Newsletter

### **Chair's Message**, by Jan Zogmaister

At our last State Council meeting a task force was established with the goal to develop a statewide Request for Proposal (RFP) for WIA youth services. This group has developed the concept, vision and framework for the boilerplate. A smaller group has now been created and given the task of developing the actual language for the RFP work statement based on the recommendations of the larger group. This boilerplate RFP will ensure consistency throughout the state. Regions will have the opportunity to customize the RFP before the RFP is announced by the region. A timeline was established at the state meeting and we are on track at this time. I would like to thank those task force members that have been so diligent. We will provide another update at the next state council meeting on April 17th. Hope to see you there.

As part of this newsletter, we thought it would be beneficial to introduce some members of the State Youth Council with a brief biography, which is included in this edition. We will continue to profile other members in future issues as well.

### **Just for YOUth Website**

As part of DWS' plan to better serve youth and their needs, a link for youth has been established on their web page. It's just for YOUth and features valuable information for youth on jobs, education, resources, etc. It is also a tool for employers to access information for youth such as state rules, hours youth can work and guidelines pertaining to hiring youth. The following is from the Just for YOUth link, [www.jobs.utah.gov](http://www.jobs.utah.gov).

### **WinField Kids** (Western Region Service Provider) -

Building Self-Worth One Success at a Time: do you ever wonder why it feels as though the kids of today are just not listening to you? Our youth of today, undeniably, have more determination than at any other time in history. What if there was a program that would assist them in using that determination to everyone's advantage?

Welcome to the powerful and effective WinField Kids Program. Our goal is to inspire today's youth to take part in worthwhile activities, to keep their focus and attention on

a goal or a career path that will set them up for success in the future. It is our feeling that the youth of today, with their awesome level of determination, are capable of tremendous accomplishments. They have the potential to excel beyond our comprehension.

We believe that when our youth are focused on a worthwhile goal that they want to accomplish, the attractiveness of gangs and drugs in our society today completely diminishes because they see them as something that prevents them from getting what they truly want. This program is a powerful life changing process and is a must for our determined youth of today.

## **Members Profiles**

**Jan Zogmaister, Chair, Owner of National battery Sales:** We have been in the business of battery distribution since 1966. We have stores in Ogden and Logan and route distribution in Utah, Idaho, and Wyoming. We sell batteries for everything. I am a Regional Youth Council Chair and State Council Chair where I am currently serving on the Council Functions subcommittee. I have been involved on DWS councils for years and am excited to be overseeing the Youth Services. This is one area where we can really make a difference in the lives of those with barriers at an early age. These youth are our emerging workforce and it is important to me as a business owner to do what I can to improve that workforce.

## **More Member Profiles**

**Marv Johnson, Coordinator for State and Federal Programs, State of Utah Office of Education:** I'm responsible for vocational and technical education programs for high school students. I also coordinate federal (Perkins) programs affecting both high school and college students. I serve on the youth council to enhance access of students to youth services provided through various state and federal programs. Currently I am working on the Communications and Awareness subcommittee.

**Jamie Wright, Youth Programs Coordinator for the Housing Authority of Salt Lake County:** I have been fortunate enough to work with and oversee the youth programs for approximately four years. These programs serve youth living in low - income public housing and are designed to provide youth with the skills and resources they need to succeed. The primary focus of the majority of these programs is to prevent youth from using tobacco, alcohol, and other drugs. I am serving on the SYC, specifically on the Council Functions subcommittee, because it makes a difference in the lives of the youth of this state. Many of the youth I work with do not have access to the resources they need, both in education and through employment. This council is one avenue, branched out to many others, that provides information, policies, funding opportunities, etc., that lead to overall program improvement and youth successes. And that is the most important piece . . . helping our youth to know what they need in order to reach their potential and conquer their dreams!

**Paul Otto, Weber Basin Job Corps, Business/Community Liaison:** Job Corps is mandated by the WIA to partner with the State and Local youth councils. Hence, I represent Weber Basin Job Corps by working on the Communications & Awareness Committee for the State Youth Council. I inform Job Corps of what's discussed in

our state meetings, but also let people know that we are very successful at administering youth services in the state.

Located in Ogden, Weber Basin Job Corps is a RESIDENTIAL training program for youth ages 16-24. It is fully funded by the Department of Labor. Every year more than 20 youth from Utah attend WBJC to better their future. We specialize in equipping students with their GED/HS diplomas. We also train students in various trades and place them in jobs. We have an 85-90% placement rate. This is exceptional when you consider the fact that 80% of our students are at-risk.

**Jane Broadhead, Program Specialist, DWS:** This feels a little redundant for me since I'm the one who probably communicates most frequently with each of you and feel like you may already know what I do and why. I have worked for DWS since its inception in 1997 and worked for Job Service prior to that. I operated many JTPA programs delivering training services to low-income people. During that time, delivering services to local youth was my favorite activity. From experiences working with kids and my counterparts in the communities, I developed a deep commitment to the safety-net that employment and training programs provide. Although I don't have the opportunity to work directly with young people in my current role, I have not forgotten the importance of the purpose of youth programs. In my current role, I am the staff member responsible to support the State Youth council. I think we are doing good things for young people statewide and I am proud to be part of this group.

**Tom Darais, CPA, Department of Human Services, Division of Youth Corrections, Federal Revenue Manager:** I view my representation on the State Youth Council to be for the Department of Human Services and its agencies, which includes the Division of Child and Family Services and the Division of Substance Abuse and Mental Health, in addition to the Division of Youth Corrections. The Division of Child and Family Services offers foster care, youth services and assistance with domestic violence. The Division of Substance Abuse and Mental Health works toward preventing people from abusing alcohol or drugs and towards assuring that individuals with mental illnesses receive the treatment and services they need to become productive citizens. The Division of Youth Corrections has services for youth that range from early intervention services (including family counseling) for youth at-risk (and not yet involved in the juvenile justice system) to secure care for youth serving sentences and aftercare programs that assist youth with their needs for reintegrating back into society as functional citizens. My role is managing federal revenues at the Division of Youth Corrections is to enhance federal revenues to the Division and ensure compliance to federal requirements associated with revenues received.

**Wayne Griffin, Department of Human Services:** I have been employed at DHS Roosevelt since 1977. I have spent five years in Youth Services, seven years in Youth Corrections, seven years as Foster Care Supervisor, and currently fill the position of Regional Coordinator for Independent Living and Youth Services. I serve because I like working with youth. I was appointed to the Uintah Basin Youth Council based on thirty years experience working with youth in California and Utah. I serve on the Council Function subcommittee.

*When we do the best we can, we never know what miracle is wrought in our life, or in the life of another – Helen Keller*